Infant mortality in capital

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that infant mortality is increasing in the hospitals of Delhi;

(b) if so, the details of the last two years in this regard; and

(c) whether Government have appointed any enquiry group in these hospitals to suggest remedial measures after completing enquiry into infant mortality along with the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) There is no significant increase in infant mortality in the Central Government Hospitals like Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital (RML). Safdarjung Hospital (SJH) and Kalawati Saran Children Hospital (KSCH). The Net Death Rate (in percentage) of infants/children in Dr. RML, KSCH and SJH hospitals is as under:

	Year	Net Death Rate (in percentage)
RML	2002	1.23
	2003	1.46
KSCH	2002	2.46
	2003	2.44
SJH	2002	1.7
	2003	1.7

Deaths occuring in these hospitals including the deaths of infants are regularly monitored and reviewed by the Death Review Committees.

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